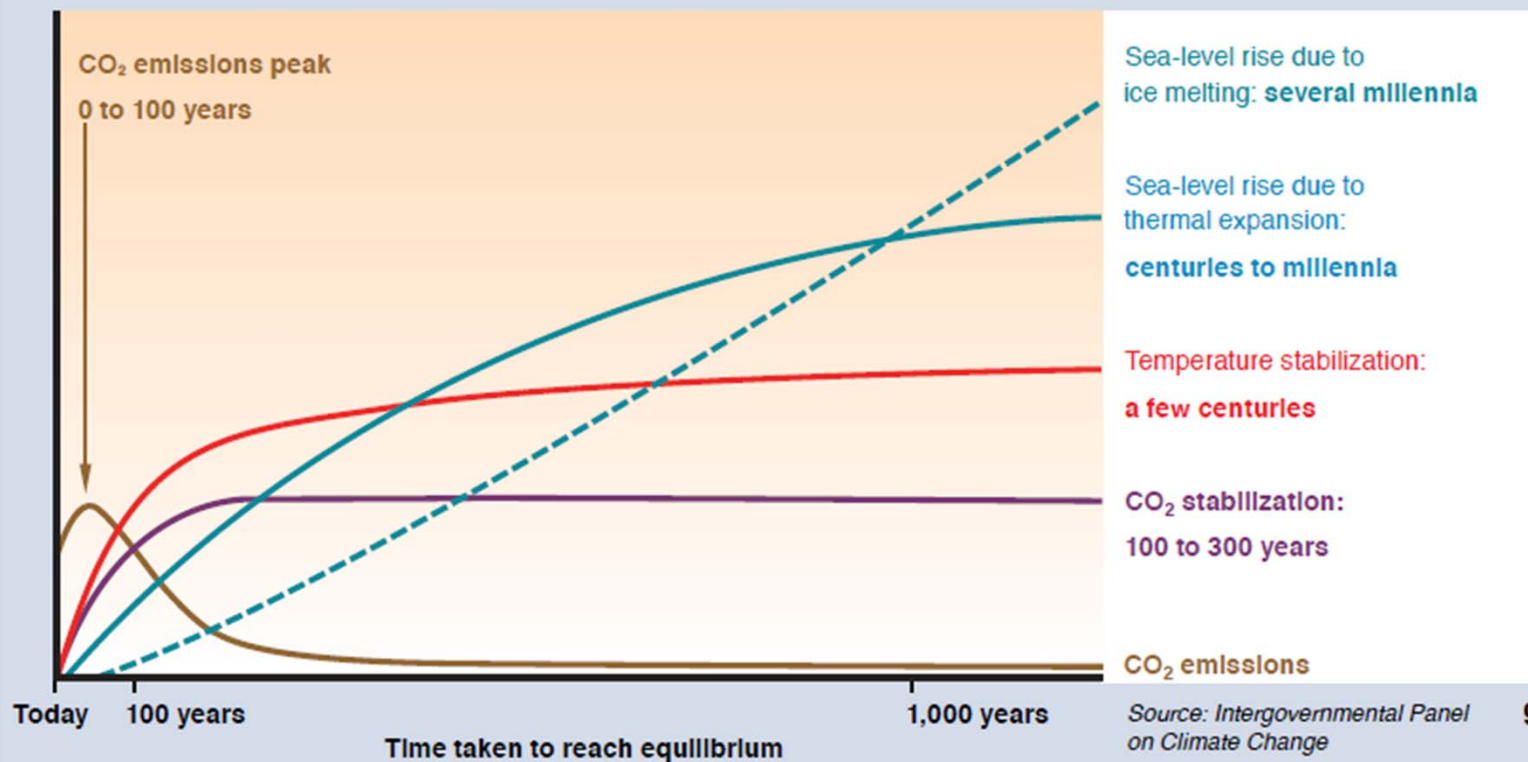


# Adaptation Planning

- The "adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities" (IPCC, 2007).

CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, temperature, and sea level continue to rise long after emissions are reduced

Magnitude of response



Managing An Uncertain Future: Climate Change Adaptation Strategies for California's Water



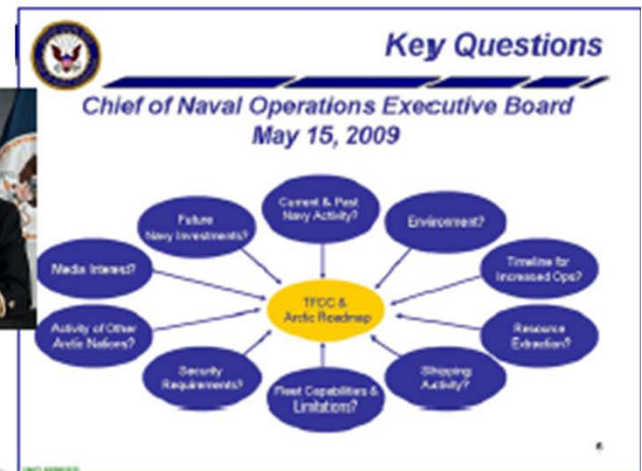
# Navy/DoD Recognition of Need to Plan for Climate Change

- **2010 Quadrennial Defense Review**: Complete a comprehensive assessment of all installations to assess the potential impacts of climate change on its missions and adapt as required.
- **Navy Task Force Climate Change** - Climate Change Roadmap signed by VCNO in May 2010: Action Item 3.1 Initiate a Navy Climate Change Adaptation Capabilities Based Assessment.
  - ◆ The impact of changing precipitation and weather patterns on installations, including environmental stewardship efforts, land use, and water management
  - ◆ Current and required capability of infrastructure to adapt to climate change, with particular emphasis on sea level rise and impacts on installations' natural and cultural resources
- **2011 Naval Studies Board** - National Security Implications of Climate Change for U.S. Naval Forces: Address naval coastal installation vulnerabilities due to anticipated sea level rise and storm surges.

# Navy Task Force Climate Change

## *Establishment*

Chief of Naval Operations  
Executive Board on May 15, 2009



## *Composition*

Navy, NOAA, USCG in core group with  
Joint, interagency, international support



## *Charter*

Global climate change impacts



Rear Admiral Dave Titley  
Director, Task Force Climate Change /  
Oceanographer of the Navy

# Navy Task Force Climate Change

## Near-term

- Increasing Arctic maritime activity
- Partnership opportunities
- Energy security initiatives



## Mid-Term

- Sea level rise impact on installations
- Water/resource challenges
- Potential increase in HA/DR



## Wild-cards

- Ocean acidification
- Abrupt climate change
- Geoengineering





## Recent/Ongoing Research and Studies

- DoD Strategic Environmental Research Development Program (SERDP):
  - ◆ Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
  - ◆ Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
  - ◆ Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
  - ◆ Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and Naval Base Coronado, California
- NAVFAC Engineering Service Center: 2009 inundation study in support of the QDR
- DoD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan (SSPP): 2010 North Carolina Study
- Center for Naval Analyses: DoD Climate Change Adaptation Planning
- Noblis: 2010 Climate Change Planning for Military Installations



# Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program

- 2009 SERDP Statement of Need: Assessment Of The Impact Of Sea Level Rise On Military Infrastructure
  - ◆ Develop analysis methods to assess the impacts of local mean sea level rise of 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 meters on U.S. military infrastructure
  - ◆ Include an assessment of the potential impacts caused by an increase in the frequency and intensity of storms.
  - ◆ The physical effects of sea level rise to be examined include, but are not limited to:
    - inundation of land,
    - increased storm and flood damage,
    - loss of wetlands,
    - changes in erosion patterns and rates,
    - salt water intrusion in surface and ground waters,
    - rising water tables, and
    - changes in tidal flows and currents.

# A Methodology for Assessing the Impact of Sea Level Rise on Representative Military Installations in the Southwestern US

**Dr. Bart Chadwick, PI** - SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific

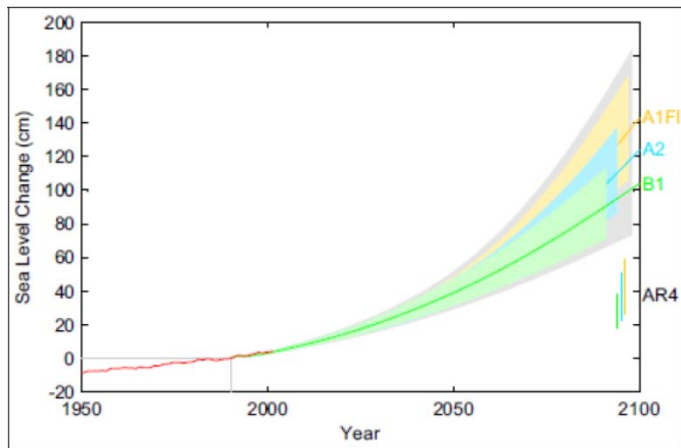
**Dr. Reinhard Flick** – Scripps Institution of Oceanography

**Dr. John Helly** – UCSD: San Diego Supercomputer Center

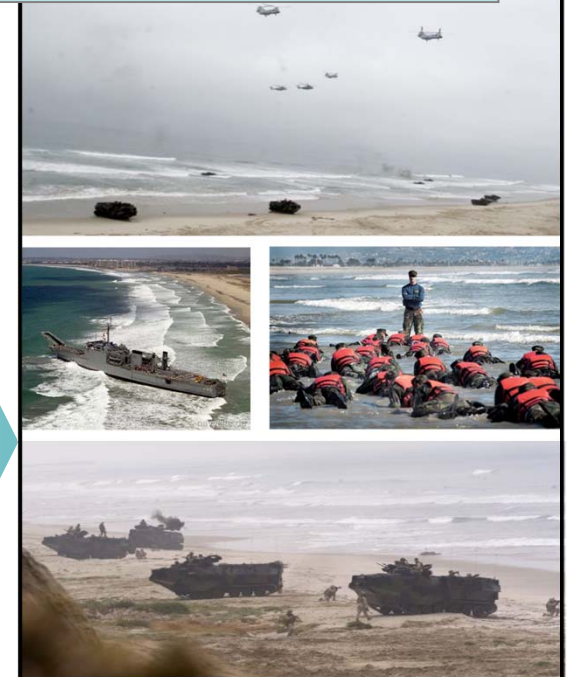
**Dr. Walter Oechel** – SDSU: Global Change Research Group

**Dr. Tracy Nishikawa** – US Geological Survey

**Mr. Issac Canner** – Moffatt/Nichol Blaylock

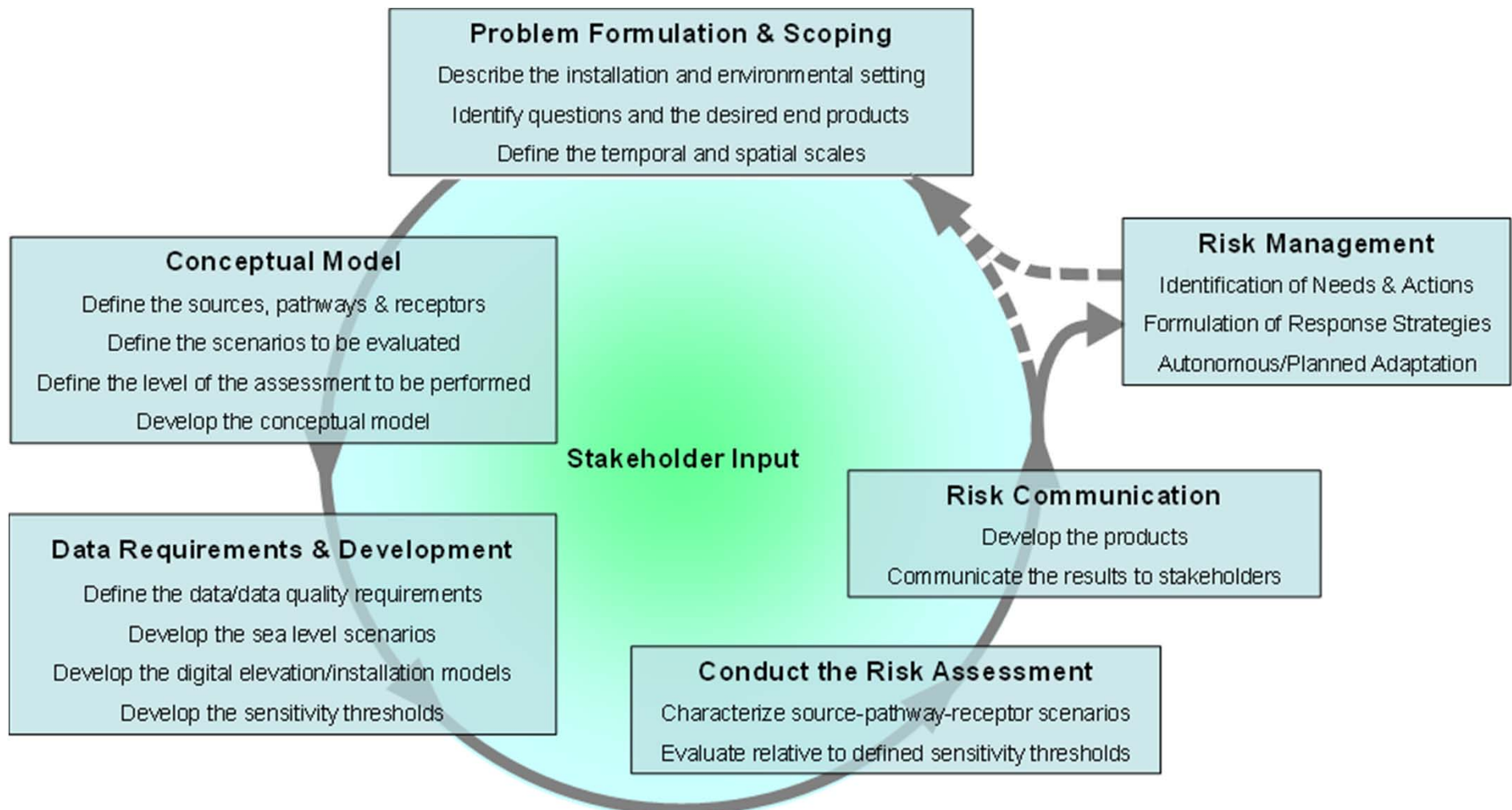


Focus on Naval Base  
Coronado and MCB Camp  
Pendleton



# Vulnerability Framework

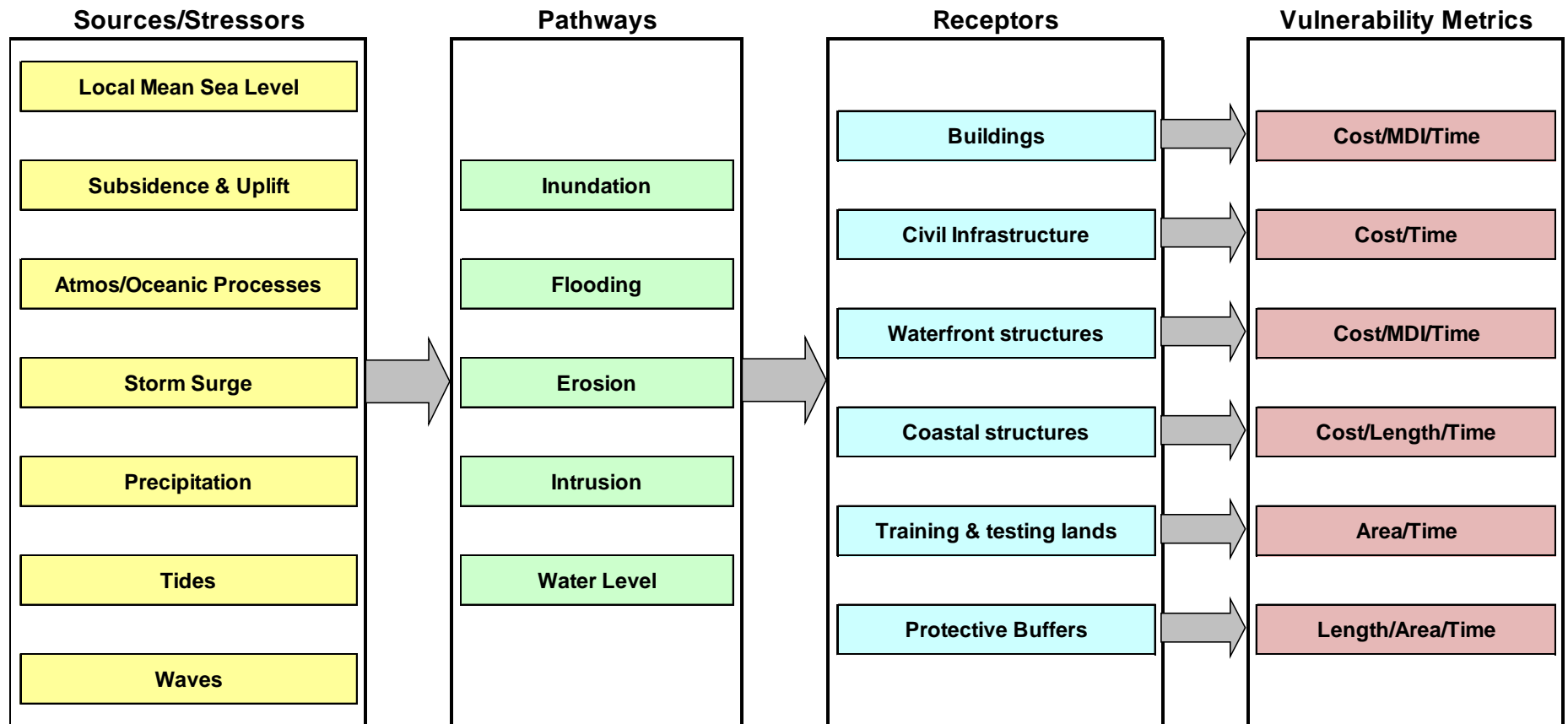
- ◆ Vulnerability assessment and adaptation are iterative





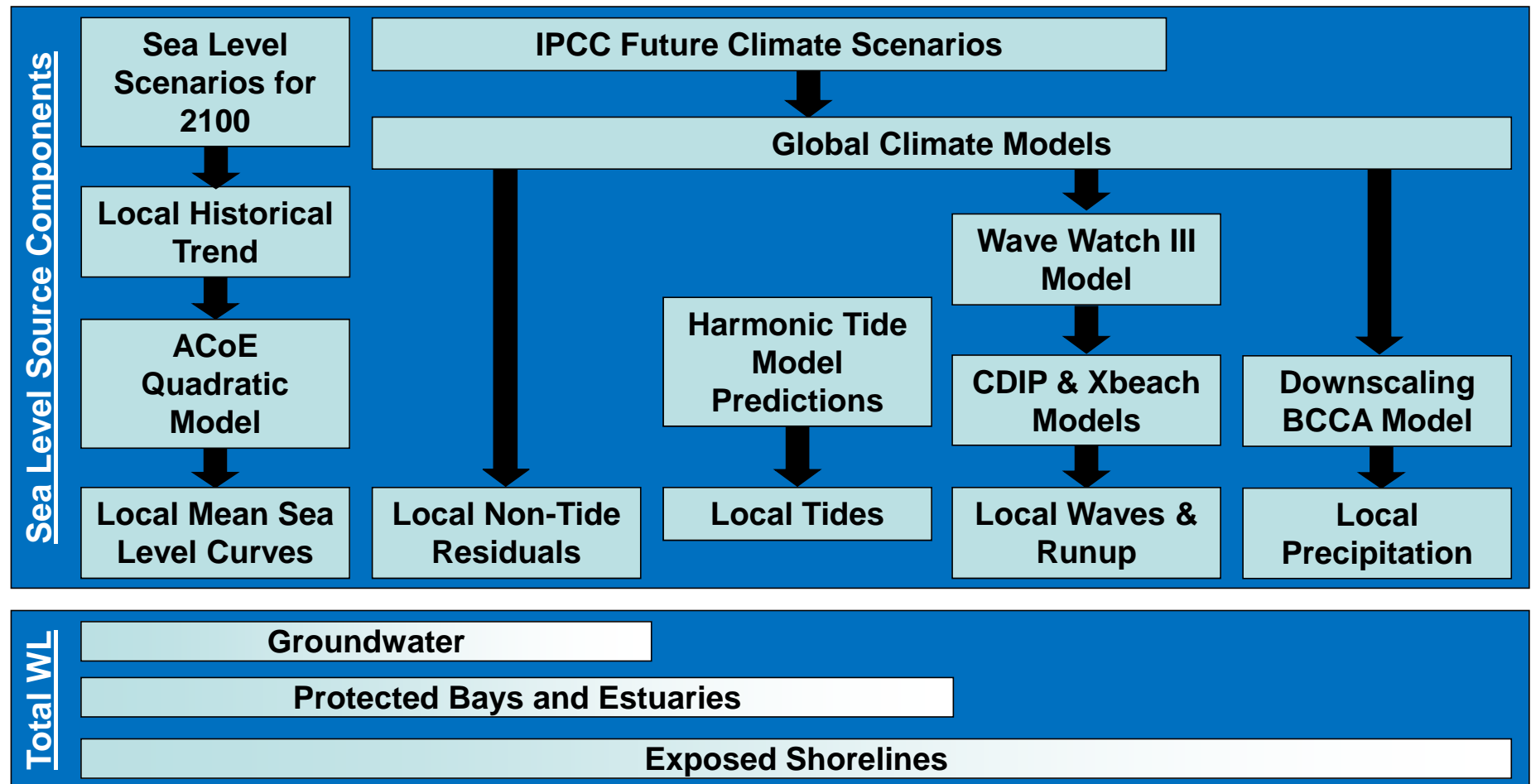
# Vulnerability Framework – Conceptual Model

- ◆ Climate vulnerability is complicated!
- ◆ To be more useful, our assessments need to be more quantitative



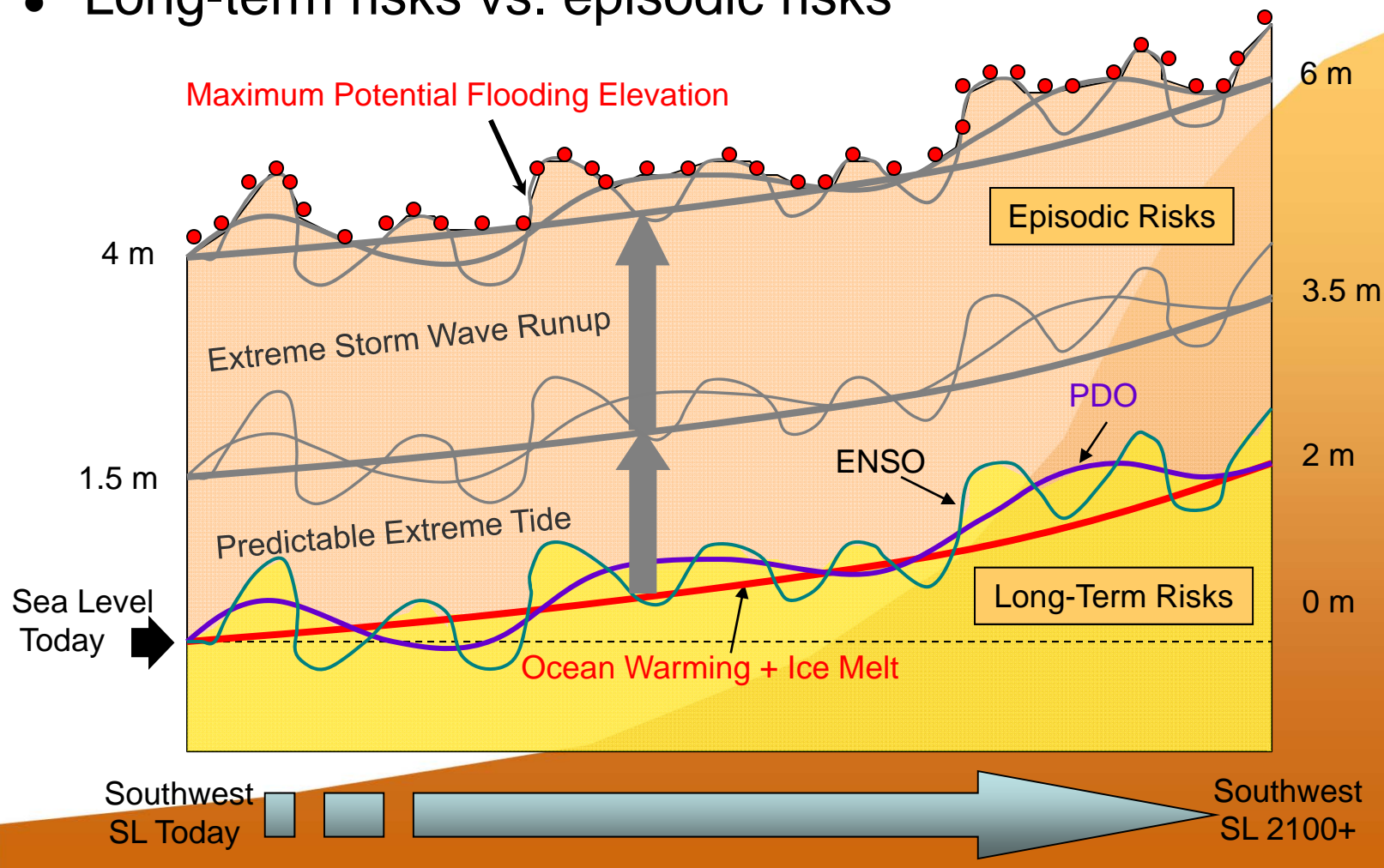
# Regional Sea Level Rise Scenarios

- Mean sea level and sea level variability linked to future climate!



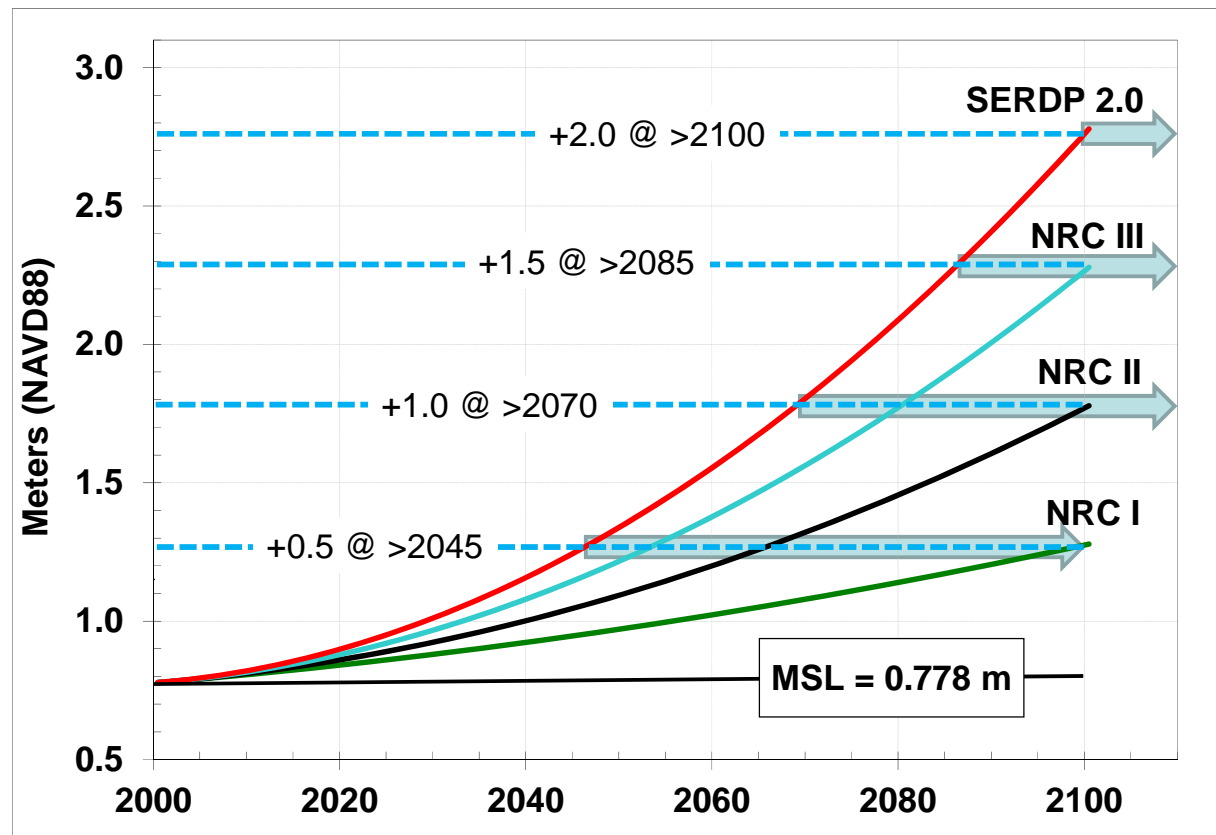
# Regional Sea Level Rise Scenarios

- Mean sea level is not the whole story!
- Long-term risks vs. episodic risks



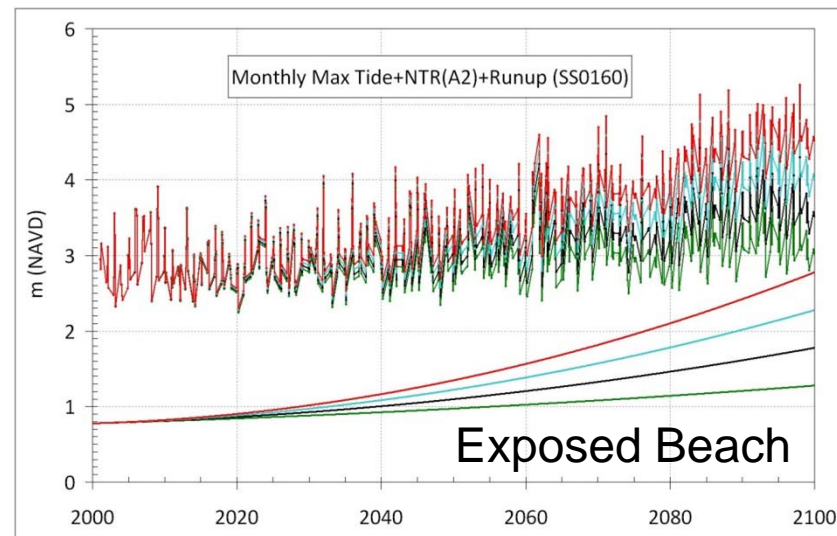
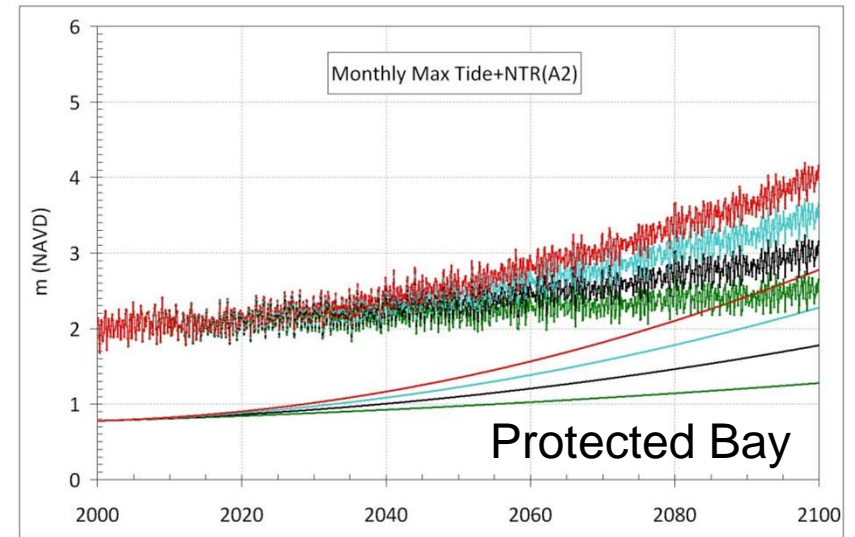
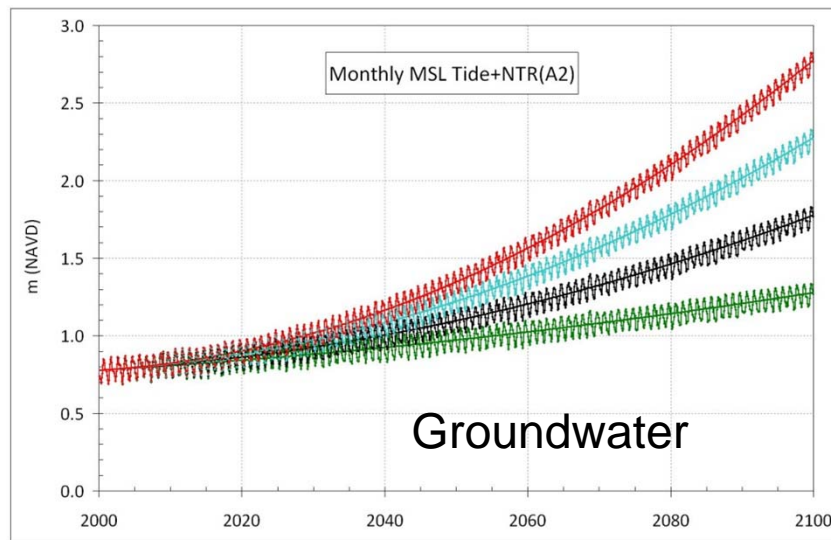
# Sea Level Scenarios – Mean Sea Level

- Depending on uncertain scenarios, increased sea level conditions may occur at different times in the future



# Sea Level Scenarios - Combined

- Future sea level conditions depend on the exposure





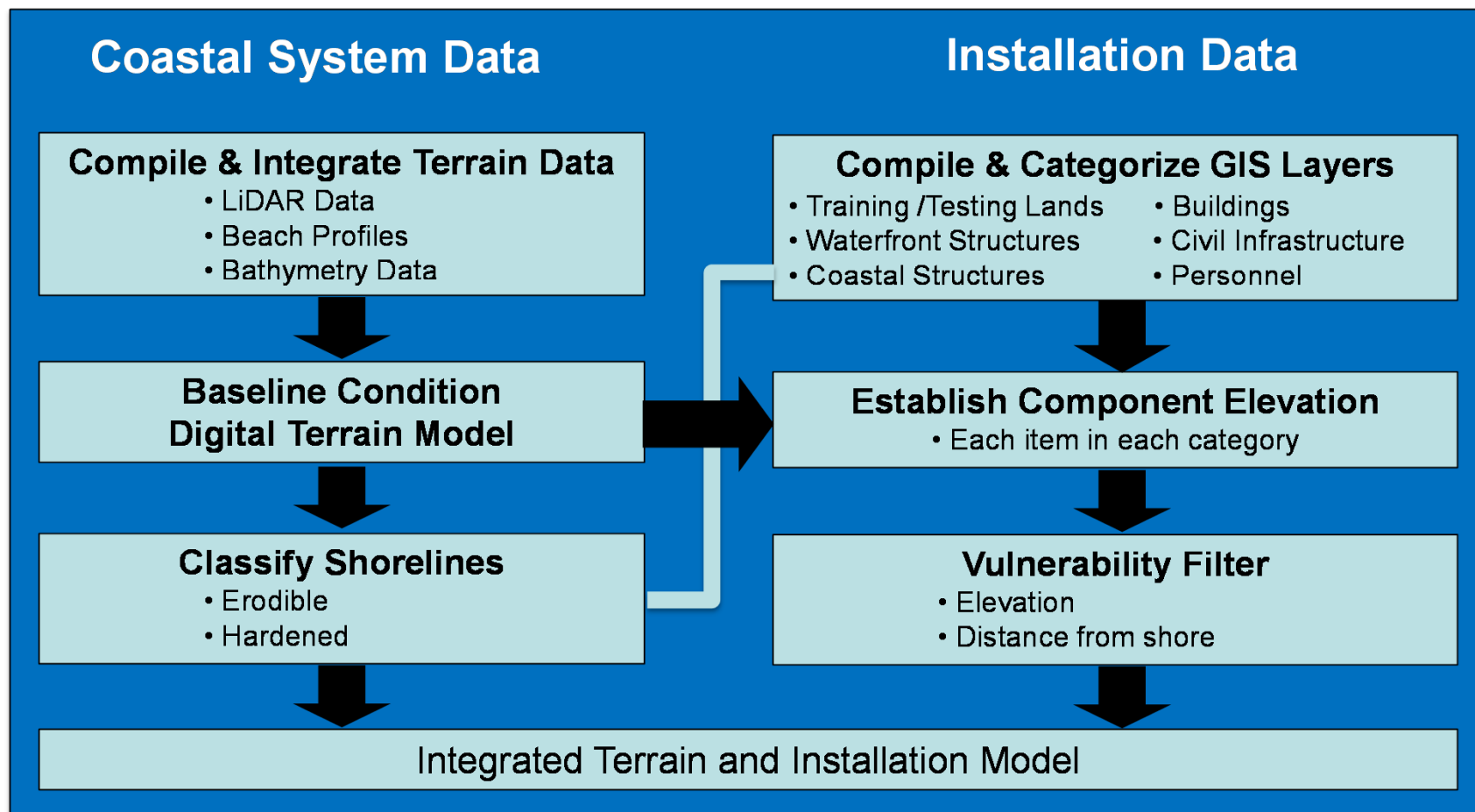
# Sea Level Scenarios – Scenario Matrix

- Increasing sea level results in the progression of rare events toward common events!

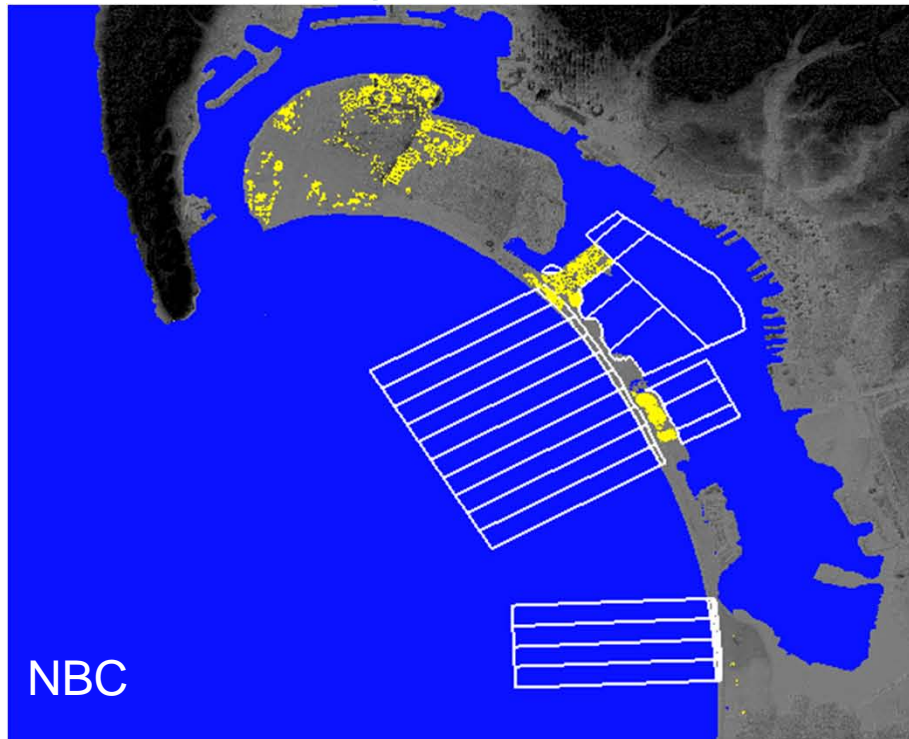
Location/ Condition	Return Period	Baseline (m NAVD)	Future MSLR (m)			
			0.5 >2045	1.0 >2070	1.5 >2085	2.0 >2100
MCBCP PN1110 Tide + Runup	Week	2.17	2.67	3.17	3.67	4.17
	Month	2.60	3.10	3.60	4.10	4.60
	Year	3.22	3.72	4.22	4.72	5.22
	Decade	3.67	4.17	4.67	5.17	5.67
	Century	4.04	4.54	5.04	5.54	6.04
NBC SS0160 Tide + Runup	Week	2.31	2.81	3.31	3.81	4.31
	Month	2.73	3.23	3.73	4.23	4.73
	Year	3.31	3.81	4.31	4.81	5.31
	Decade	3.74	4.24	4.74	5.24	5.74
	Century	4.07	4.57	5.07	5.57	6.07

# Delineation of the Coastal System

- Defines the sensitivity of the installation
- Forms the baseline for change modeling

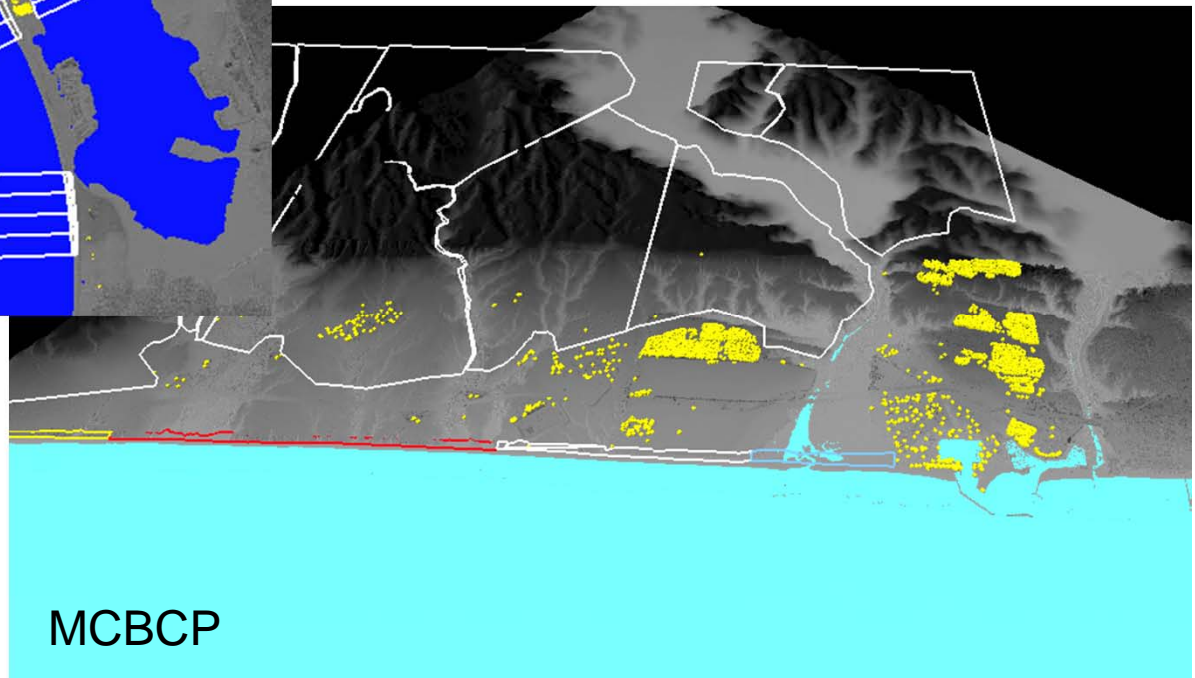


# Coastal System – Terrain & Installation Models



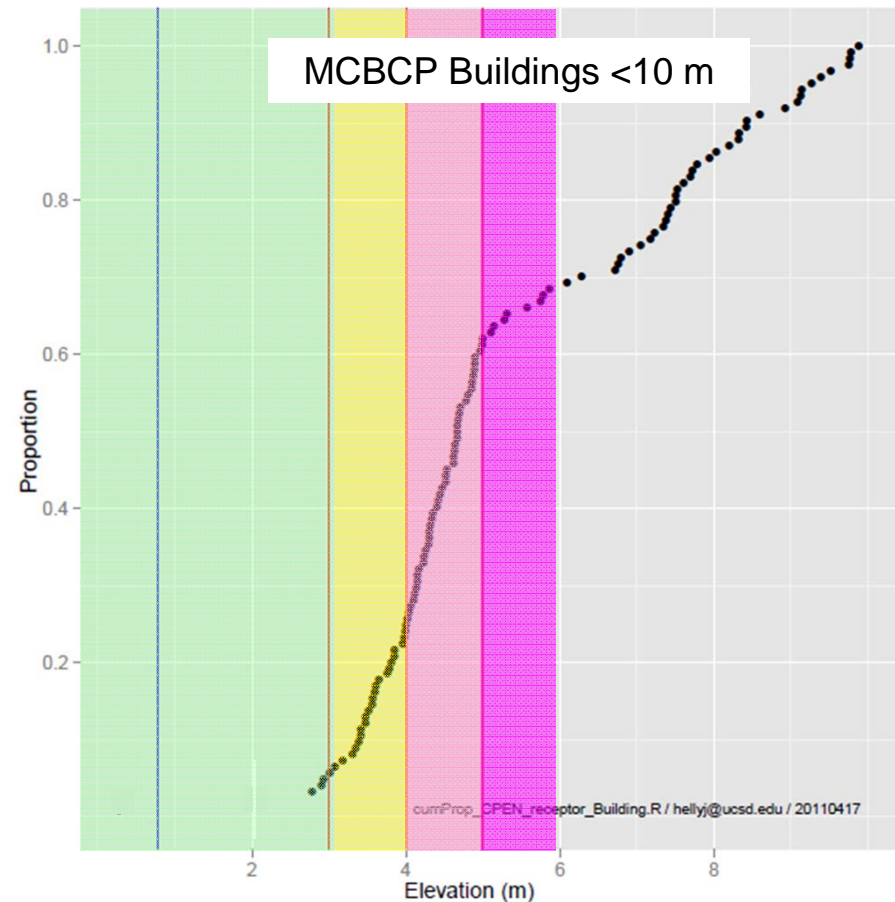
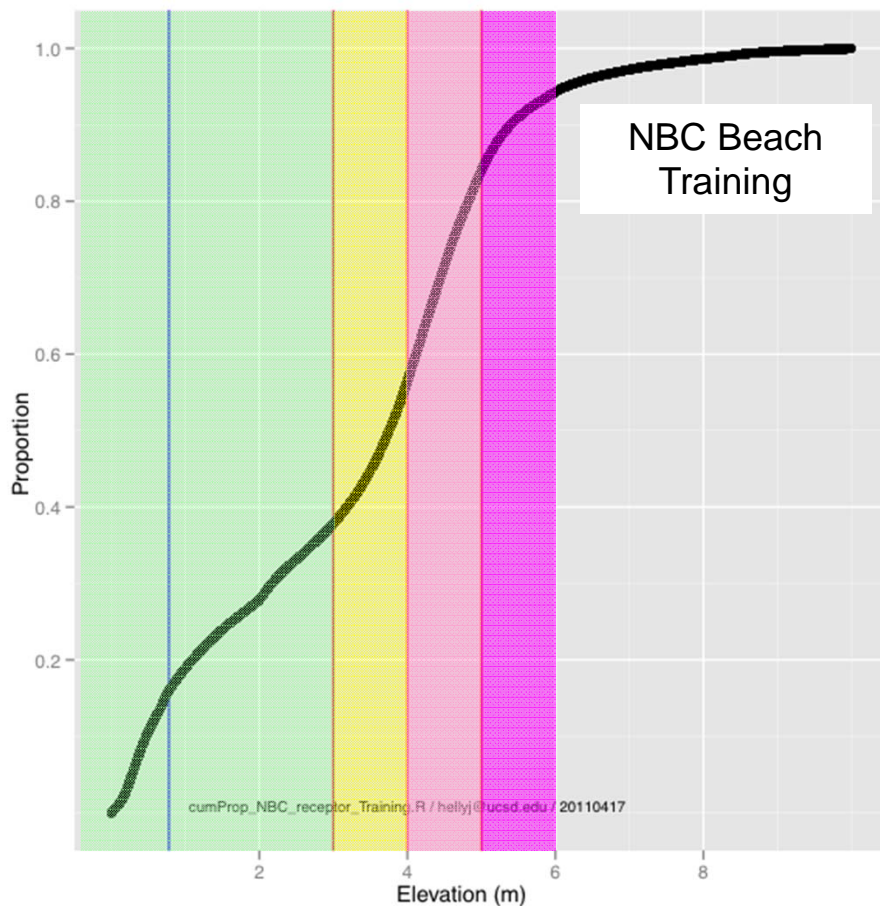
- Classify installation infrastructure
- Integrate with elevations

- Integrate upland, shoreline, and offshore data into a common elevation model
- Form baseline condition for shoreline change models



# Coastal System – Sensitivity Curves

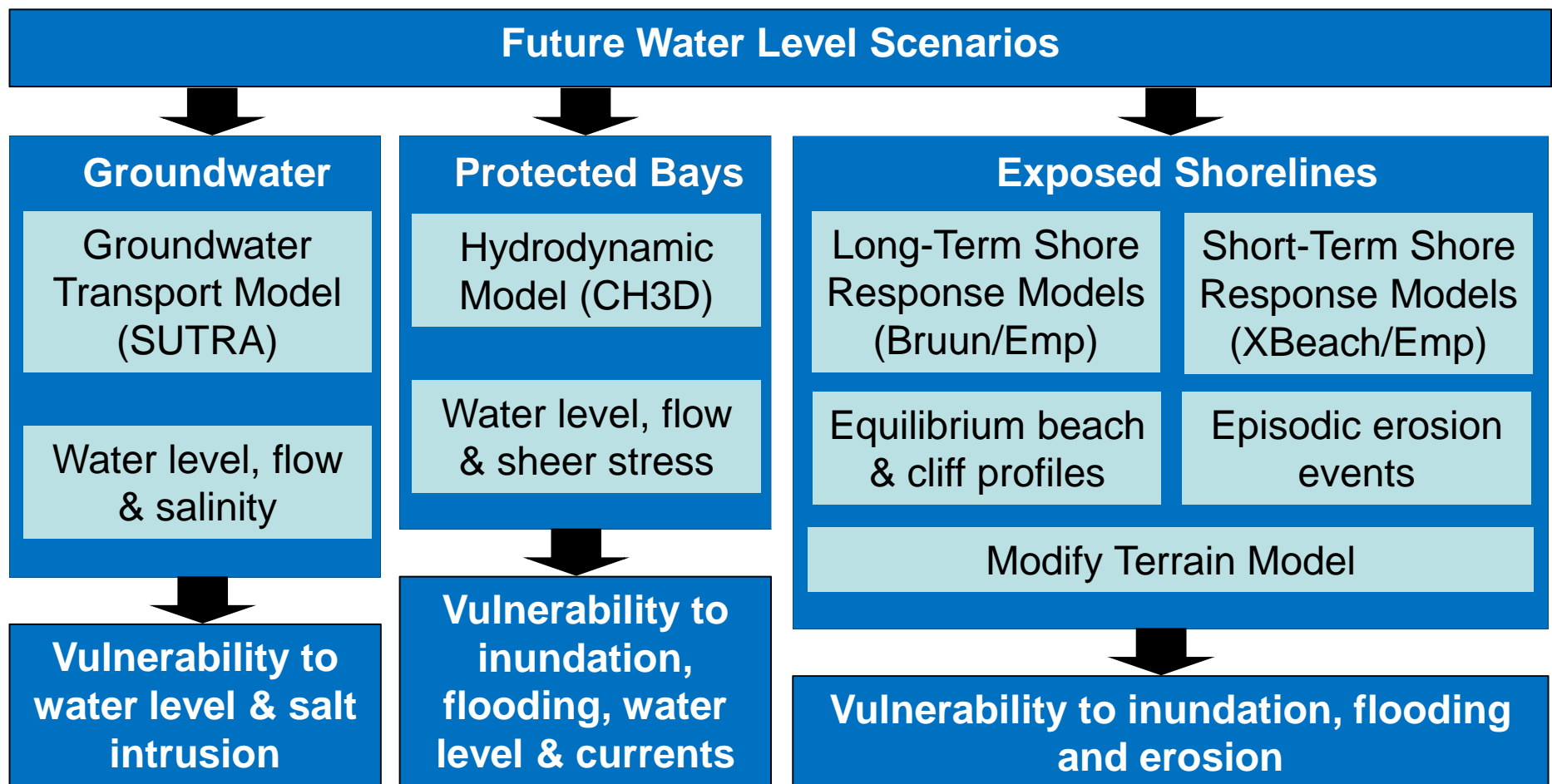
- Sensitivity is a function of the receptor
- Different receptors have different sensitivities!





# Assessment of Physical Effects

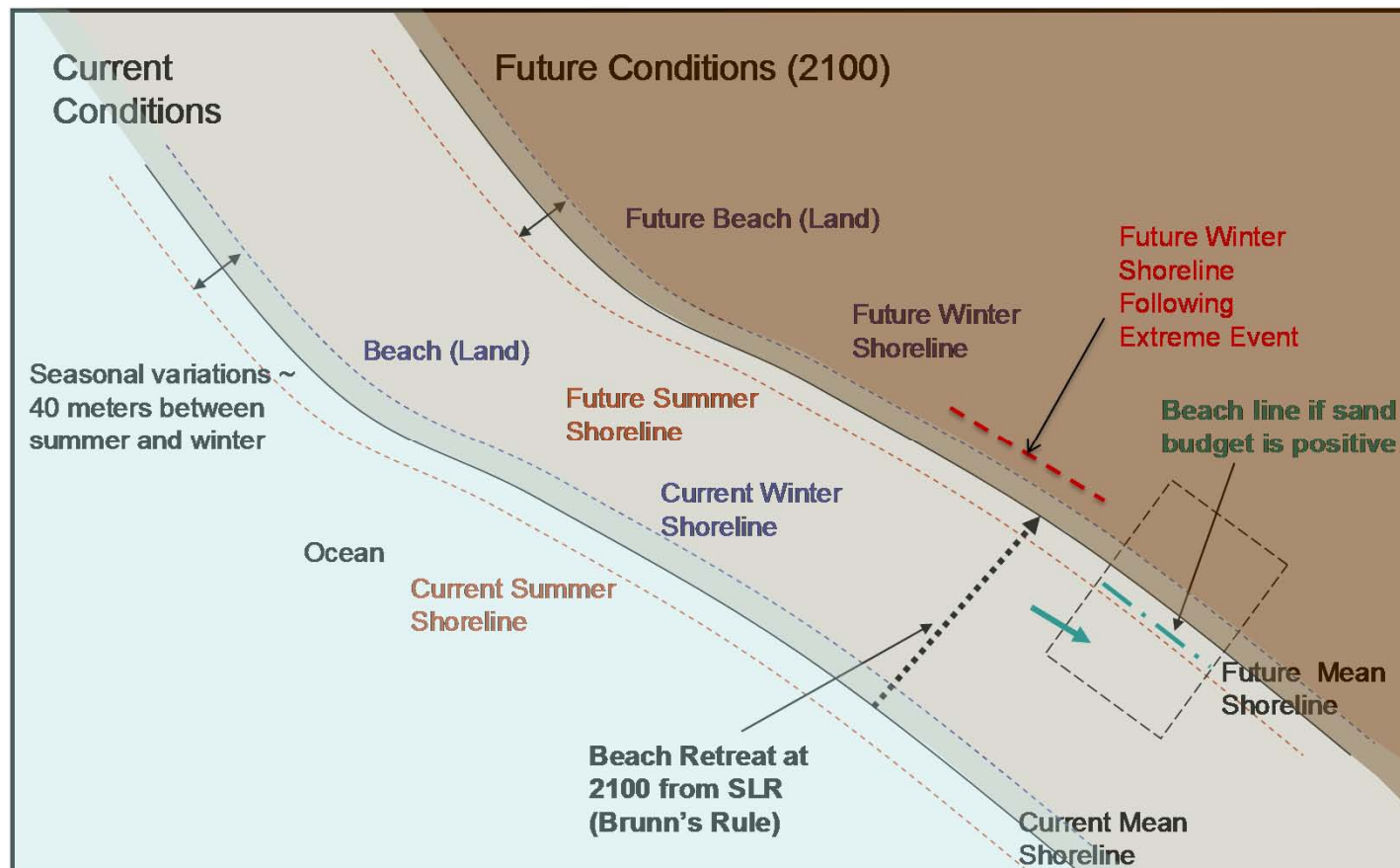
- How will the coastal system respond to changing sea level?





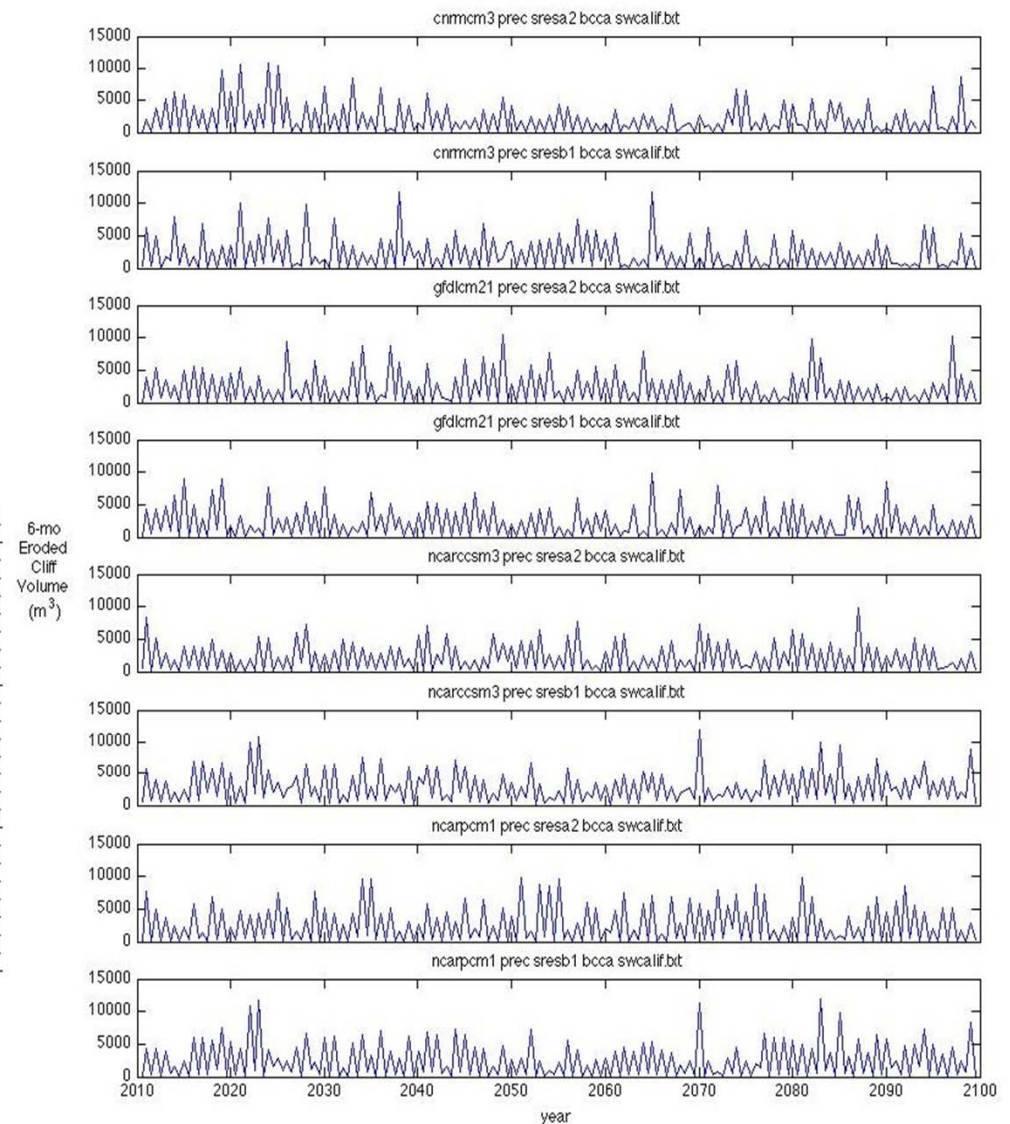
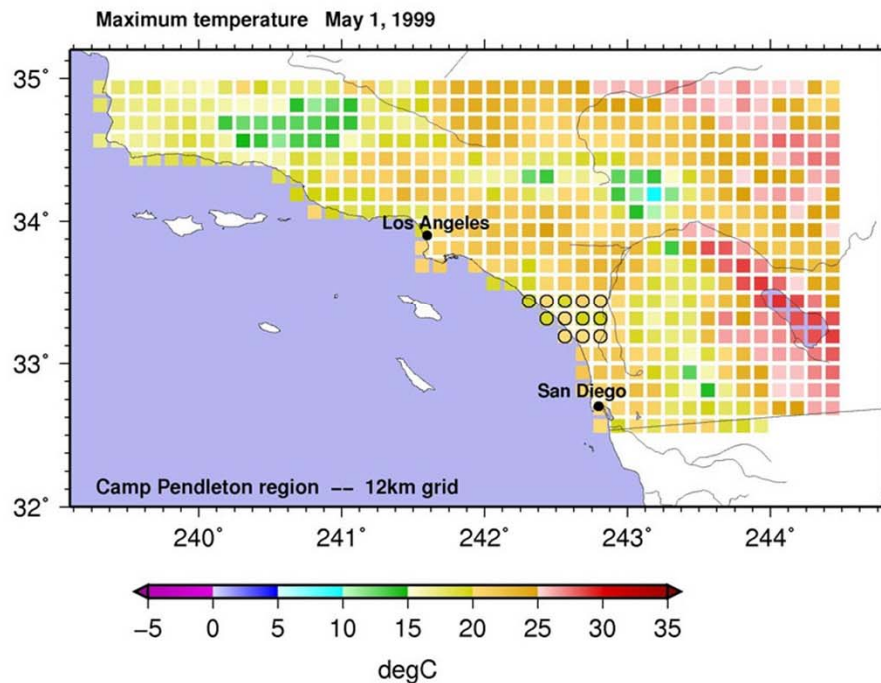
# Physical Effects - Exposed Shorelines

- Beach changes from combined effects of sea level rise, wave climate, and extreme storm events



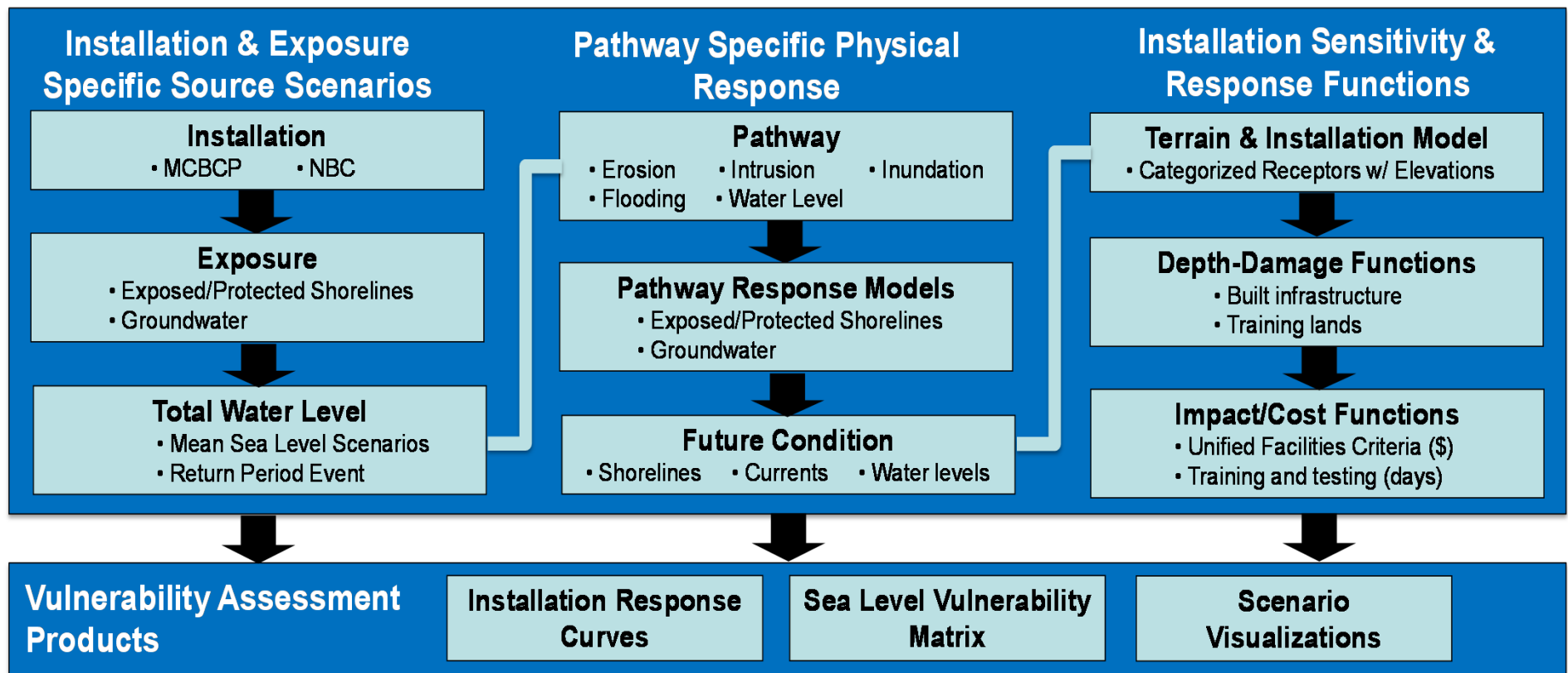
# Physical Effects - Exposed Shorelines

- Cliff erosion under combined effects of precipitation and wave driven erosion



# Assessment of Vulnerability

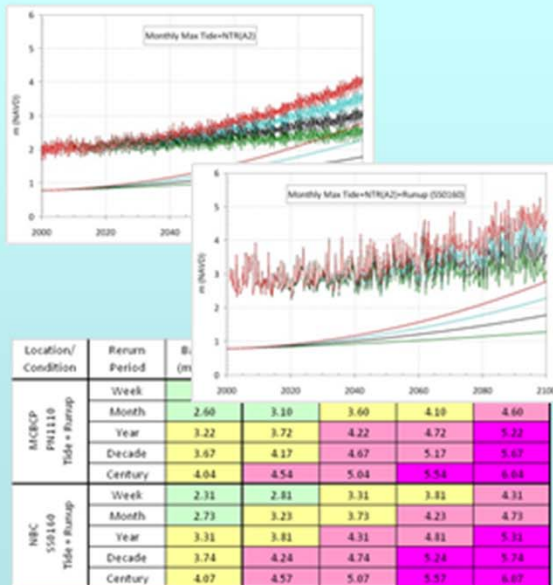
- Integrate installation scenarios with responses
- Assess vulnerability for the range of scenarios, return periods and time windows



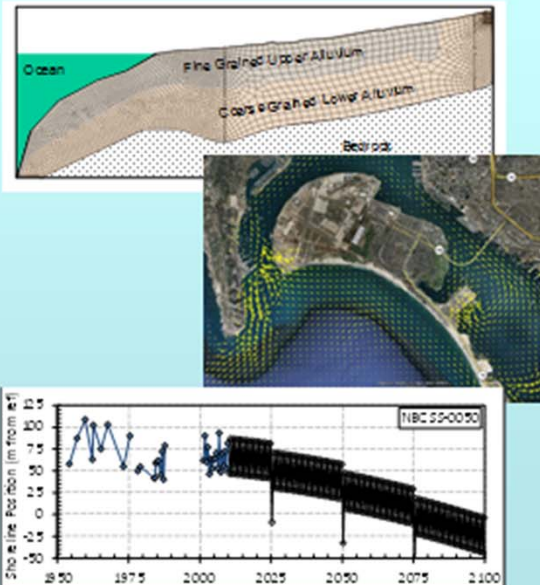


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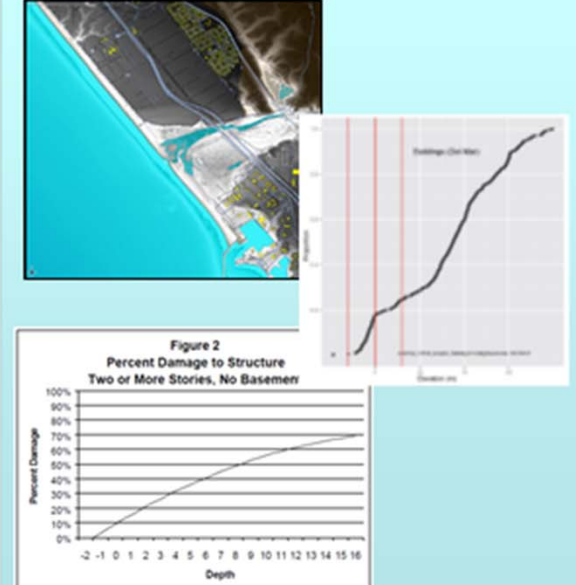
## Installation & Exposure Specific Source Scenarios



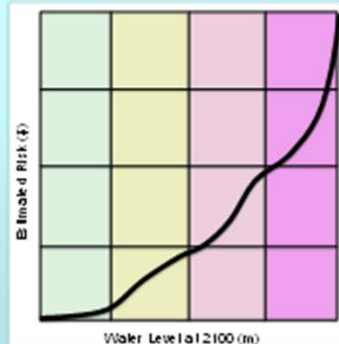
## Pathway Specific Physical Response



## Installation Sensitivity & Response Functions

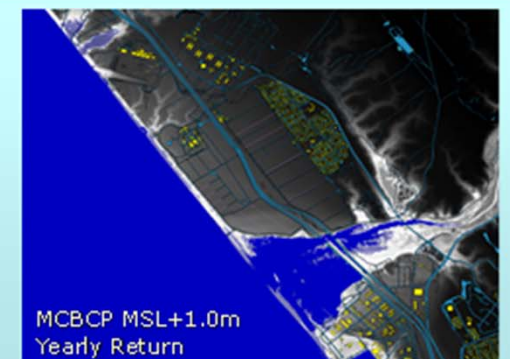


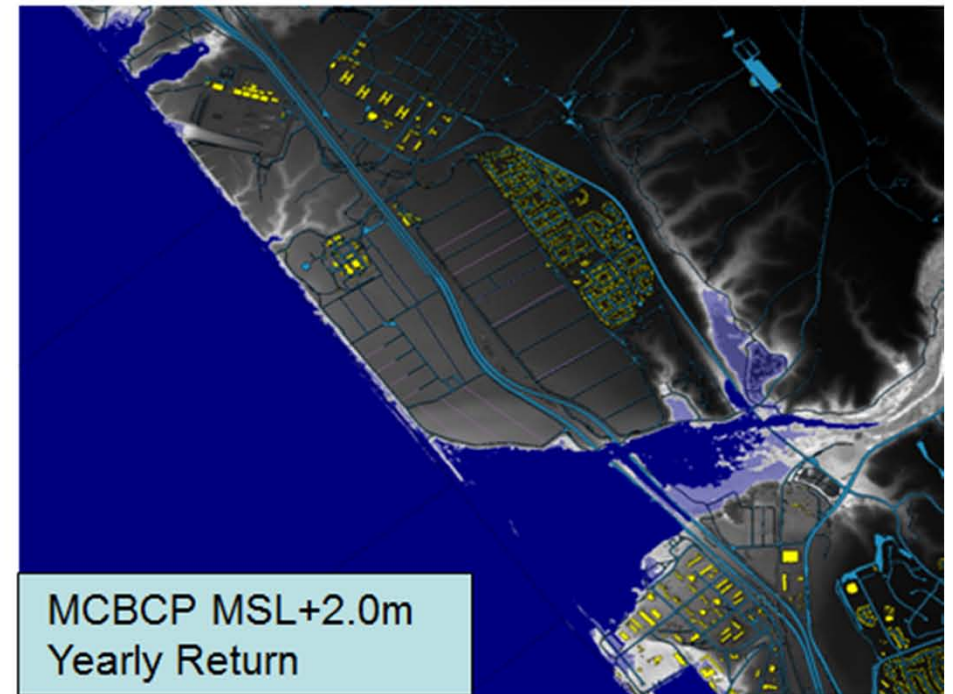
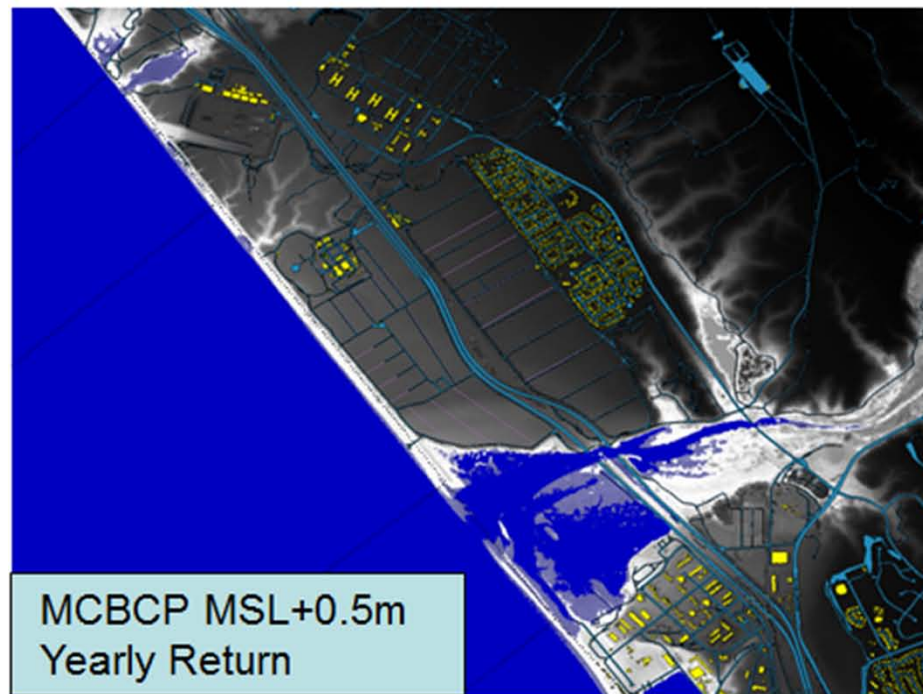
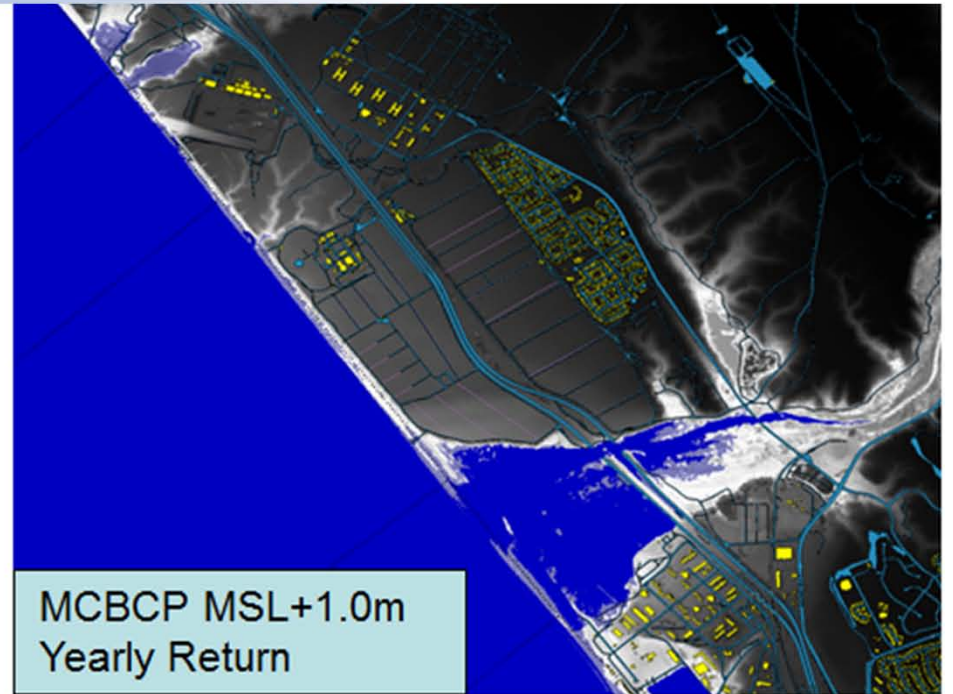
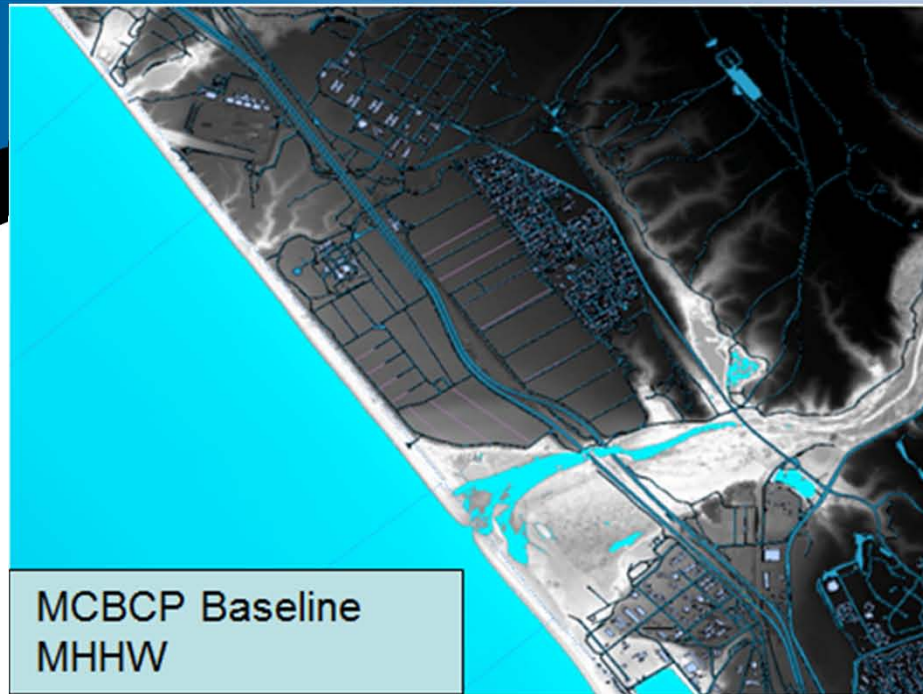
## Vulnerability Assessment Products



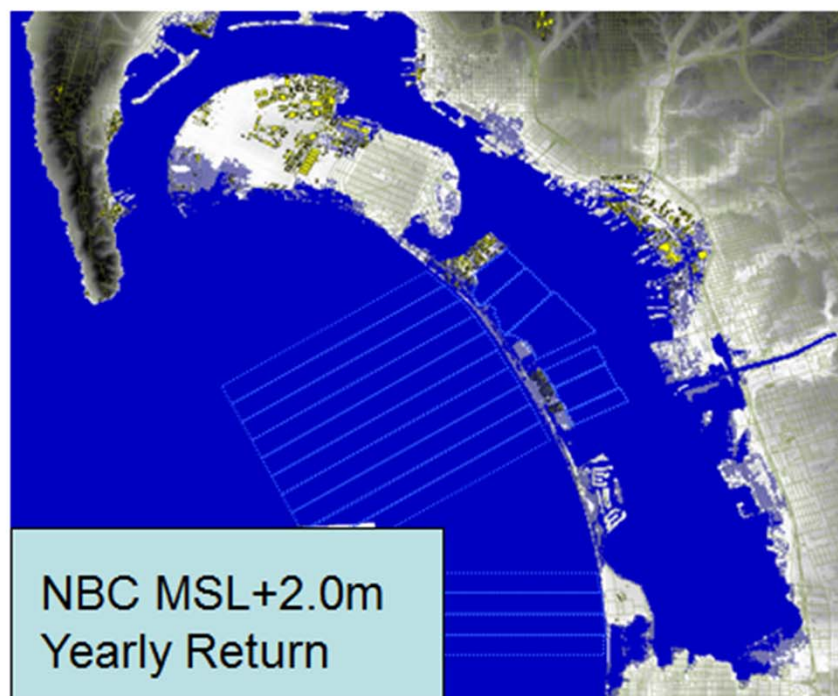
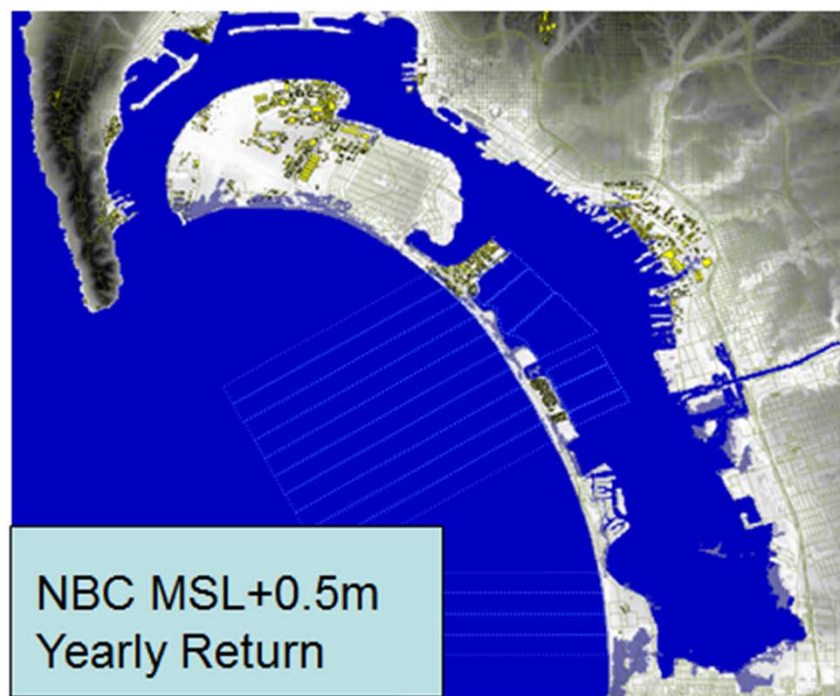
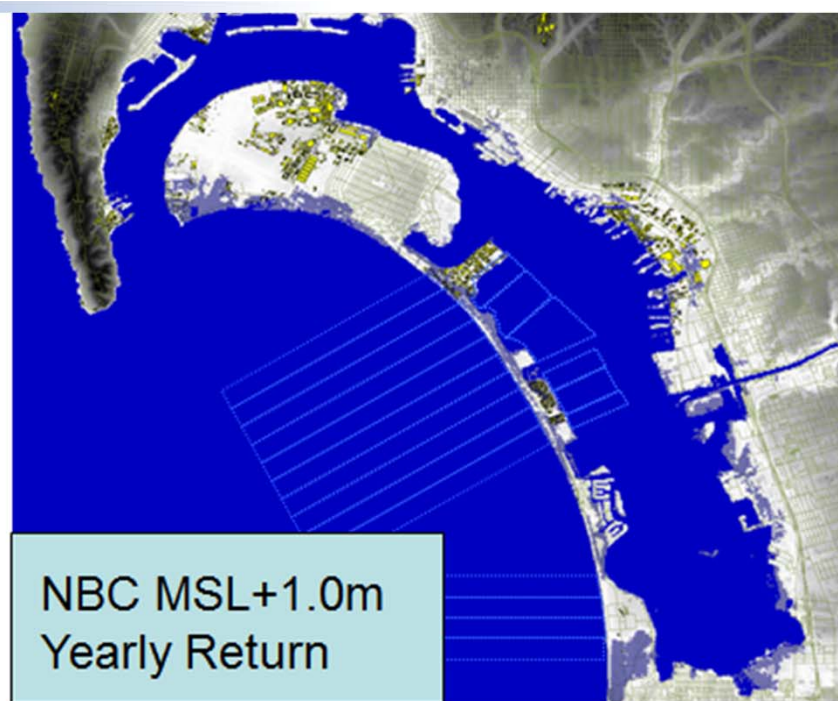
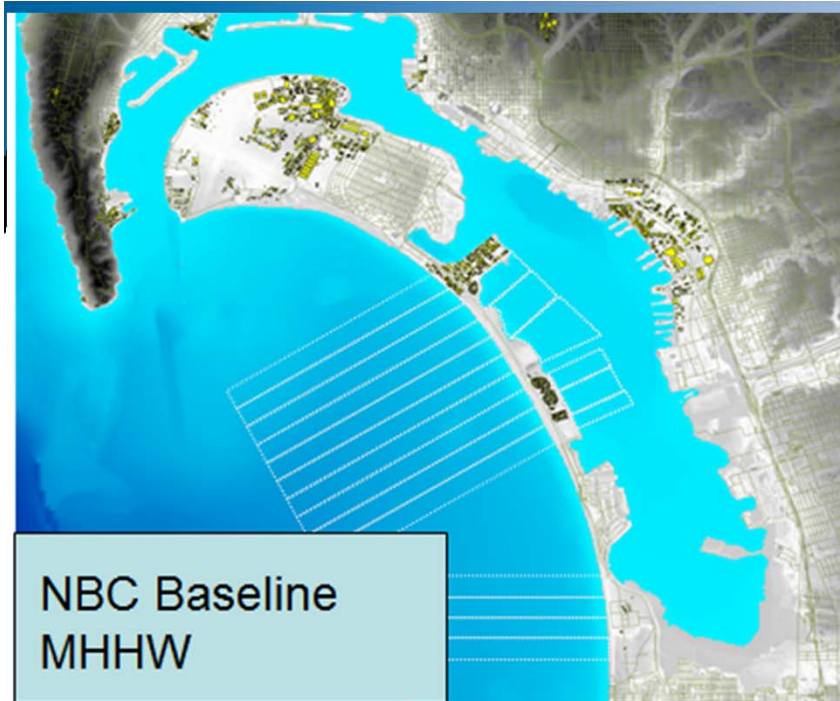
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	1 month							
	1 year							
	100 year							

$$Risk_i = probability_i \sum vulnerabilities_i$$









# Assessment of Vulnerability

- Quantify the vulnerability based on stakeholder defined metrics
- Estimate scenario-specific risk based on the probability of occurrence combined with the associated vulnerability

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$$Risk_s = probability_s \sum vulnerabilities$$





# Adaptation to Sea Level Rise

- Assess areas, infrastructure, habitat, resources and public safety at risk – communicate the risk
- Identify what areas will:
  - ◆ be sustainable under projected sea level rise
  - ◆ require shore protection
  - ◆ allow for managed retreat
- Assess the costs and benefits of potential adaptation actions considering uncertainties – engage stakeholders in decision making
- Things to consider
  - ◆ Don't make the problem worse - Minimize development in areas at high risk
  - ◆ Protect what we have - Establish/preserve and expand natural buffers where possible
  - ◆ Minimize the impact of adaptation - Promote low impact, high habitat quality shore protection methods
  - ◆ Reduce the uncertainty for planners - Improve flood warning systems and long-term monitoring and prediction of water levels and shoreline change





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